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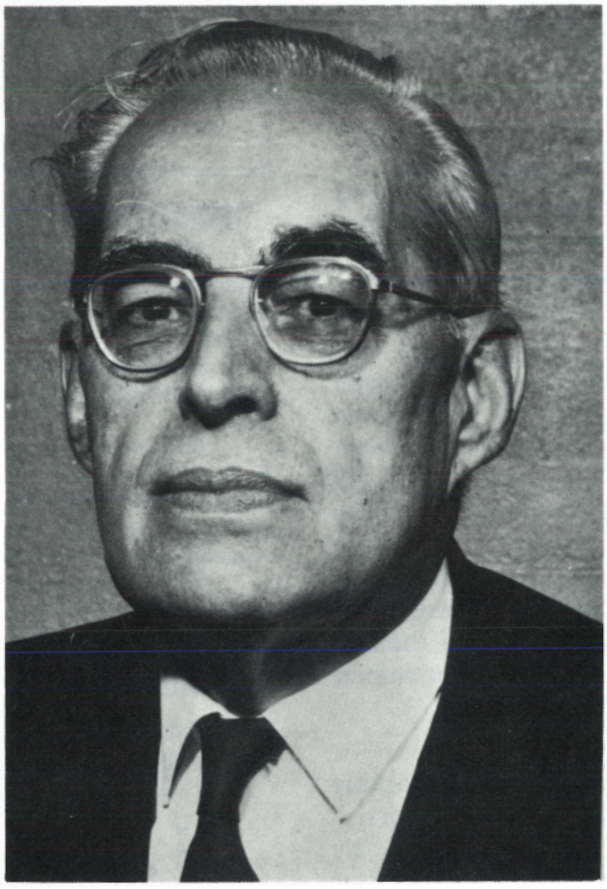

# Lesley Goates

**Feb. 10, 1894 — April 17, 1975**

***Editor*** ***Author*** ***Choir Director*** ***Bishop***

# The President's Message

By John A. Shaw

APPRECIATION FOR LES GOATES

*"Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness."*

So spoke the Lord to all of His children by revelation through a modern prophet. This injunction has been translated into action particularly well by an SUP member beloved by us all – Lesley Goates.

A journalist throughout his adult life, Les put his training into a good cause when, after retiring from the editorial staff of the *Deseret News*, he accepted the editorship of *The Pioneer.* This magazine came to be characterized by his bright style of writing, his gentle humor, his deep philosophical serenity; his reverence for history and things historical, his faith and testimony of the Gospel. These traits reflected through the mouthpiece of the society have cemented the ties, the interests, the bonds that bring the members into a unity of purpose and understanding.

HAROLD H. JENSON, TOO

There have been a few members, notably Harold H. Jenson, self-styled "old work horse," who have demonstrated their interest by writing articles, soliciting advertising, reviewing books and otherwise assisting in the success of this periodical.

But it has, by and large, been Les Goates whose anxiety in this good cause has brought to pass a magazine that not only instructs and informs but also effectively inspires our membership. Les never let us forget that it was a peculiar set of values and principles that differentiated the Mormon pioneers from the herd of those who "built the West."

DOCTOR LIMITS LESLEY

By the mandate of his doctor, Les has had to give up the active editorship of *The Pioneer,* and this we all regret. At the same time that we thank him for his devoted service to the society, we look forward with anticipation to future association with and inspiration from our old friend.

Looking at the contribution of Les Goates leads us to think that as Sons of Utah Pioneers each of us can find a unique opportunity *"to be anxiously engaged in a good cause."* Unlike Les, we do not all have the training, the talent, the background to be a magazine editor. However, each one of us does have his own peculiar talents and abilities that can find expression by being *actively* engaged in the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Looking around at our membership it is not difficult to find examples such as dedicated chapter presidents and secretaries, a gatherer of family history, a leader of stimulating treks, a collector of pioneer artifacts, a recorder of oral histories. All of us can grow by making ourselves promoters of the timeless values and saving principles that characterized the Mormon pioneers.

*"For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves."*

GREETINGS

The Red Rock Chapter of Kanab, Utah
–Welcomes–
The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
and
The U.S. Mormon Battalion Inc.
–To The–
1975 Encampment
September 10 - 11 - 12 - 13
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## Seminar Builds Enthusiasm

The fifth annual Chapter Presidents Seminar was held Saturday May 3rd at Pioneer Village in Salt Lake City under the chairmanship of Adolph Johnson, national president-elect.

Those in attendance included chapter presidents, vice presidents and members of the national board, with their wives.

Purpose of the gathering was to give the new officers the opportunity for a fresh orientation to their responsibilities and goals and how to achieve them in line with SUP policies. A healthy interaction provided new methods of reaching chapter objectives.

While the men held their business meeting from 4 to 6 p.m., the wives met separately for a special program. Then at 7 p.m., all enjoyed a banquet and program which was under the able direction of Richard W. Moyle, national vice president.

THE Pioneer

# APPRECIATION

May I express appreciation to a few persons who have been helpful to me as I try to fit into a new harness:

**LES GOATES** has been a wonderful example. He does his work with a flair. He is the artist, the "old Pro," with a lifetime of journalistic experience and knowledge. We are sorry that his health prevents his continuation as editor.

**HAROLD H. JENSON** has the eagerness and concern of a young man. Furthermore, he is willing to do the "leg work" and go out of his way to give assistance to any worthy SUP project. In addition to his help in securing advertising for *The Pioneer,* he writes prolifically, supplies pictures of historic interest, makes recommendations for the lay-out, and still asks what he can do to help get the magazine out on time.

**GEORGE C. LLOYD,** Executive Secretary for SUP and Business Manager for the magazine has gone out of his way to assist and lighten the load for the new editor. The inconvenient mail schedule at SUP headquarters has caused George to make several extra trips to pick up the mail so he could deliver items for the magazine to me. Appreciation for Brother Lloyd goes back more than 40 years when, as my Bishop in Capitol Hill Ward, he was also doing nice things for me.

**DR. OLIVER R. SMITH** of the BYU Communications department has been helpful in providing material and technical assistance to his less knowledgeable brother. This came at a busy time when he was preparing for his son Ronald's marriage (April 19) to Colleen Johnson.

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT JOHN A. SHAW** and his board of directors for their vote of confidence and encouragement. President Shaw has maintained a good influence on our organization and guides our ship with a steady hand.

*– M.S.*

# LET'S COOPERATE!

As I begin my new assignment as editor of The Pioneer magazine it is not without some occasional moments of panic. The suddenness of the duty was breathtaking. However, the work is not entirely unfamiliar and I do respect the association and objectives of this fine organization.

I hope to be sensitive to the purpose and goals of SUP and receive input from a wider range of membership. Two columns particularly need your participation: *Our Readers Write* and *Chapter News and Views.* Will you help?

*–Marvin Smith*

# *Love for Our Heritage Is Nourished by Sorensens' Pioneer Village Collection*

As negotiations continue for the transfer of Pioneer Village to Lagoon, it is gratifying to know that commitments have been made to provide suitable memorials to honor Horace A. and Ethel Sorensen. After all, without their expertise, energy and financial backing, there would not have been a Pioneer Village to bring pride and thanksgiving to our hearts.

*Membership Participated*

SUP members met Tuesday, April 15, 1975 at national headquarters in Salt Lake City to ratify the proposal to sell and transfer all rights, title and interest to Pioneer Village to the Lagoon Corporation.

Terms of the proposed sale and transfer were as follows: Total price was $275,000. A downpayment of $85,000 would be followed by annual payments of $15,000 for four years. Then for the next thirteen years payments of $10,000 would be made.

*Busy Committee*

The national board and membership of SUP owe a debt of gratitude for the effort and time devoted in their behalf by the Pioneer Village committee who have had the responsibility for making suitable negotiations for the sale of the Village. Headed by Dr. Orson D. Wright, chairman, the group is composed of President John A. Shaw, Exec.-Secretary George C. Lloyd, Milton V. Backman, Ronald L. Kingsbury, Eugene P. Watkins, Verl G. Dixon, E. Morton HIll and D. Clayton Fairbourn.

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# Encampment Activities

The National Society of the Son's of Utah Pioneers
1975 Encampment
September 10 - 11 - 12 - 13
–Kanab, Utah–

**Wednesday, Sept. 10th**

Leave Salt Lake City via Highway 89 South stopping at Bryce Canyon if desirable. Arrive Kanab for dinner and Battalion meeting 8:30 p.m. Attend Old Barn Playhouse for an old Western Melodrama.

**Thursday, Sept. 11th**

Leave Kanab 7 a.m. Boat trip – all day. The worlds most beautiful Rainbow Bridge. Lunches on trip on Lake Powell. 8:30 p.m. Evening Show in Kanab.

**Friday, Sept. 12th**

Leave Kanab 7:00 a.m. Boat trip all day for those who missed the one Thursday. 6:00 p.m. BIG STEAK BARBECUE - COOK OUT - Beautiful Kanab Creek Canyon. Ride the hay racks the old fashion way. 8:30 p.m. Evening Shows.

Three big evening shows and entertainment to choose on Thursday and Friday evenings.

1. The Old Barn Theater – western melodrama.
2. Orderville – Centenial United Order – musical pageant a special treat for all.
3. The Red Cliff Repertory Theater – Shakespearian group put on especially for S.U.P. guests.

*Moroni Schindler, Sheriff of Pioneer Village, is recognized for his many years of faithful service. He addresses a general meeting of SUP.*

**Saturday, Sept. 13th**

7:30 a.m. – National Board meeting and breakfast.

8:30 a.m. – Flag raising ceremony U.S. Mormon Battalion.

9:00 a.m. – Grand Encampment Parade.

10:00 a.m. – National elections and business meeting.

10:00 a.m. – LADIES SPECIAL EVENT.

12:00 noon – Lunch.

1:00 p.m. – Free time activities.

8:00 p.m. – PRESIDENTS BANQUET.

9:30 p.m. – Grand March & old time Military Ball.

**OPEN TIME**
**SPECIAL EVENTS &**
**ENTERTAINMENTS**

There will be many side trips and guide & tours for all during leisure hours and for those who do not go on the all-day boat trips. Wednesday early arrivers Thursday & Friday & Saturday afternoon, 1:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.

1. 2 hour boat trip on Lake.
2. Trips through Glen Canyon Dam.
3. Pahreha (Perea) the ghost town & movie set one of the most beautiful spots in the U.S.A.
4. Trip to Pipe Springs & box lunch.
5. Pink Coral Sand Dunes.
6. Indian writings and villages.
7. Johnson old movie town & L.D.S. Church Stake Farm and recreation area.
8. All towns will be described by Old Timers.

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**WILL NOT BE OPENED TO**
**THE PUBLIC THIS YEAR**
**IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION**

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*President Peter Freed of the Lagoon Corporation, left, discusses the transfer of Pioneer Village with President John A. Shaw of the S.U.P.*

## Pioneer Village To Be Transferred

By vote of the general SUP membership, Pioneer Village will be transferred to Lagoon where it will have a spacious setting on 14 acres, according to Dr. Orson D. Wright, Chairman of the Village committee.

The contract of transfer was approved April 15 and will make the Village accessible without cost to countless thousands of visitors. Excellent security will be provided for all items on display, along with suitable identification of source.

The Pioneer Village will retain its name and the SUP will give counsel in an advisory capacity, Dr. Wright stated.

The process of moving will begin as soon as possible. Subscribers will be kept informed of activities relating to the Village from time to time.

Peter Freed, president of the Lagoon Corporation, and Dave Robinson, legal counsel, were present and pledged full cooperation with the terms of the contract.

*"LIFE"*

*A little work, a little play*
*A little sorrow on the way;*
*A little sigh for what's unwon,*
*A dream of when the race is run.*

*A gleam of hope from morning skies,*
*A little light from love's dear eyes;*
*The swinging gate, the setting sun –*
*We close our eyes and life is done!*

*– Les Goates*

# Tribute to Les

*by*
*George C. Lloyd*

For the past ten years Lesley Goates has served as Editor of the magazine for the National Society. Back in 1965 it was called the *S.U.P. NEWS* and was published monthly. Later the name was changed to *THE PIONEER*, and it was issued on a bi-monthly basis. During all these years, the assembling and editing of news articles has been under the direction of Les Goates. Now, due to a heart condition, Les has been advised by his doctor to give up this responsibility.

Les took on this assignment with a wonderfully qualifying background. An employee of the *Deseret News*, he became the paper's Sports Editor and was responsible for the publicity given to college and high school athletic events over a period of many years. How appropriate and interesting were the sports stories that appeared under the caption, "Les Go!"

His versatility was demonstrated when other writers took over the details of covering sports events and Les became a Feature Columnist of the *Deseret News.*

The literary field was not the only interest in the life of our editor. Music had an important part in his earlier years and he became the director of a fine group of women singers. Through his efforts, a number of women's choruses were united into The Associated Women's Choruses of Utah. This organization gave concerts in various places, including the Granite Stake Tabernacle and the historic Salt Lake Tabernacle. The last named concert featured the noted tenor, Nino Martini, as soloist.

Always active in spiritual affairs, Les became bishop of the East Mill Creek Ward on January 30, 1949, serving in this capacity until October 23, 1955. As a bishop he manifested a deep interest in the welfare of his ward members, both old and young. His counsel was sound and he encouraged the activity of the youth, especially in the field of music. His progressive attitude kept the physical features of the chapel abreast of the growth of the community. He was loved and respected by members and non-members.

The editorials written by Bishop Goates for *The Pioneer* contain counsel that we, as members, can well apply to our own lives. Such a one was printed about two years ago.

"Are we worthy of our Pioneer Ancestry?"

*"Certain kinds of culture and refinement, especially if accompanied with ease and relief from responsibility, are enervating. As Sons of Pioneers we bask in this kind of comfort and ease, but these we can truly enjoy only if we express our devotions and make sacrifices to the end that the firm ideals and lofty aspirations of our sturdy forebears are perpetuated."*

# LES GOATES DIES APRIL 17 EDITED 'PIONEER' 11 YEARS

After this magazine was ready for the press, we received the unexpected and sad news that our Editor, Lesley Goates, had passed away at a local hospital from cancer. He had been ill for several months. The funeral was held Tuesday, April 22, in Salt Lake City. Burial was in Lehi, Utah.

The SUP membership joins with John A. Shaw, their national president, in expressing their sincere condolence to Leda and her illustrious family. Lesley's association and service were greatly appreciated. We, too, shall miss him.

*Editor – Athlete*

Mr. Goates, a former star baseball catcher and basketball forward at Lehi High School, started his career with the *Deseret News* in October 1920.

The following year he began writing his sports column, "Les Go," which became widely known and was considered one of the best-read features of the *Deseret News.*

*Humanitarian*

Mr. Goates was known as a soft-spoken and gentlemanly person with humanitarian instincts. During ceremonies in 1964 when he was given the "Banquet of Champions" Award by Utah State University, it was made known that he had helped numerous athletes through college by means of encouragement and gifts or loans of money.

*Churchman*

He served as stake superintendent of Sunday School, bishop of East Mill Creek Ward, stake high councilman, and Salt Lake Temple ordinance worker.

*Choir Director*

His 50 years as singer and director of choirs included 20 years as leader of the Symphony Singers, seven years as director of the Associated Women's Choruses of Utah and 27 years as ward choir conductor.

*More Awards*

He was the recipient of several awards and honors, including the George Washington Honor Medal at a Freedoms Award ceremony in 1956.

Les received the "Outstanding Member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers" award for his service as editor of *The Pioneer.*

*Pioneer Ancestry*

Mr. Goates qualified for SUP through both of his grandfathers – William Goates, who came to Utah from Wimpole, England, in 1853 and James Munns, Orwell, England, 1861.

Lesley Goates was born in Lehi, Utah, on February 10, 1894, to Louise Munns and George Hyrum Goates, the seventh of 13 children.

Following his education at Lehi High School and the University of Utah Teachers Training College, he taught English and music in Millard and Alpine districts. During World War I he was a psychological examiner at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

*Married Leda Kirkham*

He married the former Leda Kirkham on May 16, 1918. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 16, 1968.

Survivors include his wife; two sons: L. Brent Goates, assistant commissioner of Health Services Corp. and a regional representative for the L.D.S. Church; Bruce Larkin Goates, a clinical psychologist; a daughter, Mrs. Lewis H. (Audrey Jean) DeYoung.

Also surviving are 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Deadline Nears

# *Rush Those Pioneer Stories*

The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers invites entries in the 1975 pioneer story contest and will present six medals to the top winners in the senior and junior divisions of the competition.

The purpose of the contest is to motivate the researching and writing of the heroic achievements of Utah pioneers and to provide a means for publication of outstanding stories.

Each entry must be an original account of a true pioneer experience or biography, not exceeding 1,500 words in length, and should be typewritten double-spaced on one side of the paper only. Entries will become the property of the S.U.P. and will not be returned. Those intended for the Junior Division of the contest must list the age of the writer.

The contest deadline will be July 15, 1975, and awards will be announced at the annual S.U.P. Encampment to be held in September at Kanab, Utah. The following awards are provided: Senior Division (18 years of age or older) – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals; Junior Division (11 through 17 years of age) – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals.

Chapter officers and members are requested to give local publicity to the contest and encourage entries from members and others. Entries should be mailed to the Chairman, Oliver R. Smith, at 970 N. 1200 East, Provo, Utah 84601, or to the National Society, S.U.P., 2988 Connor St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84109.

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# NEWS ALONG THE BATTALION TRAIL

*Public Invited*

Lt. Col. Elmer B. Jones invites everyone and their families to the annual Memorial Day patriotic program honoring the Mormon Battalion at 8 a.m. May 26, 1975, on the State Capitol grounds.

The day is a legal holiday, and the program will be brief, historical and colorful with uniformed men raising the flag. It will afford an opportunity to view the beautiful U.S. Mormon Battalion Monument in detail.

*BYU Plans Drill Team*

Col. Bartley Day, head of the Army ROTC unit at BYU wants to get some U.S. Mormon Battalion uniforms to outfit a special drill team from his detachment for numerous public activities during the coming year. They may be featured during the BYU Centennial as well as the U.S. Bicentennial.

Please notify Col. Smith, 1665 Atkin Avenue, Salt Lake City 84106 or phone 485-8028 if you are aware of any available uniforms.

*Cumorah Pageant Tour*

Those who would enjoy touring in a charter bus where there is no smoking are invited to join the Jesse N. Smith Family tour this summer. In addition to Nauvoo, Independence, Carthage, Liberty, the Cumorah Pageant, the Washington, D.C. Temple and the Prophet's birthplace at Sharon, Vermont, you will visit historic Boston, Philadelphia, New York City, Mt. Vernon, Va., the Kirtland Temple, Niagara Falls, etc.

The Family Ass'n is sponsoring buses for this tour, which will originate in Phoenix, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City. If you are interested in touring with this LDS group, phone or write Marvin E. Smith, 1665 Atkin Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106 (801) 485-8028, for further details. This is a 17-day tour departing July 26. (See advertisement this page.)

**CUMORAH PAGEANT TOUR**
Depart July 26 for 17 day historic tour which includes Vermont, Washington Temple, NY, Boston, Philadelphia, Niagara Falls, Nauvoo, etc.
*This tour is sponsored by the J. N. Smith Family. For info call Marvin E. Smith 485-8028, 1665 Atkin Avenue, Salt Lake City 84106.*

*Recruiting Assignment*

Richard W. Moyle, SUP vice president, has been commissioned to perform a recruiting assignment for the USMB, according to National Commander Fred M. Reese and Elmer B. Jones, Utah C.O.

Richard's father, the late Henry D. Moyle of the First Presidency, was a former military officer and served in an advisory capacity to the Battalion.

*Veterans Featured on Program*

At a recent meeting of Co. A, two prominent veterans, who have already earned the quality of being legendary, shared experiences with the group.

Col. Elmer G. Thomas, a multi-veteran beginning with the Spanish War, by request related many varied activities that can come to a gentleman in his nineties. His was a life filled with civic and church responsibilities besides those of a military nature.

At 87, S. Grant Young who is a Sheriff, horseman, author and soldier, entertained the meeting with a concise mini-history of the USMB in verse.

We are grateful to have the association of these two living personifications of greatness.

*Sgt./Mjr. Pomeroy*

We appreciate Charlie Pomeroy's active interest in serving the needs of the Battalion. Besides securing a beautiful protective carrying case for our flags, he discovered a number of vintage 1846 U.S. Army belt buckles which go perfectly with the Battalion uniform of that period.

He was also instrumental in locating a secure warehouse for the numerous military rifles belonging to the Battalion.

*In Memoriam*

Effie Bushman of Lehi passed away April 6, 1975. She is the wife of John M. Bushman. See their story under the heading *Profiles,* this issue of the *Pioneer.*

*Happy Birthdays*

Harold and Martha Jenson have been visiting family members in Seattle. Harold turned 80 on April 8.

Roy Chipman became 92 on April 7. Roy is now living at 112 W. 200 N., SLC. He would appreciate hearing from you.

*Richard W. Moyle, left, receiving membership card from Elmer J. Carr, finance officer for the USMB.*

*Col. Elmer G. Thomas shares experiences of three wars with members of the battalion.*

*Sheriff S. Grant relates outline history in verse of the U.S. Mormon Battalion.*

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# CHAPTER NEWS AND VIEWS

## Who Has More Fun Than Temple Fork?

On February 20th, the Temple Fork Chapter of Logan held its annual Valentine party with their wives. An excellent program was enjoyed as well as a delicious meal.

PRES. SHAW COUNSELS

Highlight of the program was the presence of our National President, Jack Shaw, and his lovely wife, Phyllis, who were introduced by our National Vice President, D. Wesley Reese. Each of them gave inspiring talks on Pioneer objectives and experiences.

President Shaw introduced David and Betty Kotter as his guests. David is serving as a member of the "Trails" Committee for the State of Utah. He also discussed the transfer of Pioneer Village to the Lagoon Corporation.

"Is pioneering all done?" challenged President Shaw. "No! The spirit of pioneering is the spirit of identifying with people."

PHYLLIS SHAW SPEAKS

Sister Shaw related many vivid and interesting experiences in the life of her grandmother Dixon. Among the highlights of her talk was the fact that each person can and should identify and be associated with other persons: "Create a feeling of being a favorite," she admonished.

CHAPTER GROWS

Our chapter is growing in numbers. Seven new members were introduced and presented with Pioneer Pins by their sponsors.

Musical numbers were rendered by Linda Hansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Hansen.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW!

*Who started the rumor that a man has to be eighty years old before he can become a member in good standing of the Temple Fork Chapter? Rather exclusive, I'd say.*

## Chapter Elects Officers

The members of the Brigham Young chapter, at their November meeting, Wilkinson Center, BYU, elected by acclamation their 1975 officers. For president Carr F. Greer, replacing Alma King, for first vice president, Eldon J. Card, replacing Thomas A. Wolsey; for second vice president, Thomas A. Wolsey; for secretary-treasurer, Russell R. Rich, replacing Leland Perry. Board members, David R. Lyon in charge of programs; Wilford D. Lee; Seymore P. Fish. Historian: Albert O. Mitchell, replacing Oliver Smith. Chaplains, G. Lloyd Hobbs, Stanley J. Dalley.

The Chapter expresses thanks to the former officers and a desire for their assistance in the future, to make the work of the Chapter as effective and enjoyable as in the past.

At a meeting of the officers held at the home of President Carr F. Greer, January 9, 1975, long-range planning was done, for future programs and projects, including the Bicentennial Encampment, 1976, to be held at Provo, with local arrangements by this chapter.

At the January meeting of the Chapter, BYU, January 23, the new officers were introduced. Then followed a lecture by W. Ernest Young on the Mormon Colonies in Mexico, together with material about the backgrounds of the missions to the Lamanites.

Brother Young served as bishop for two years among the Mexican Saints, and twelve years among English-speaking wards in Mexico. He has served as president of two missions. A graduate of BYU, he has also served as teacher in the Colonies and as translator from English to Spanish for the Church.

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# SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

## Samuel Welch of Temple Fork Chapter Celebrates 80th

Samuel Welch of 370 West Sixth North, Logan, celebrated his 80th birthday at an open house Feb. 8.

*Born in Morgan*

Welch was born Feb. 13, 1895 in Morgan. He married Minnie Jane Hughes June 13, 1923 in the Salt Lake Temple. She died in 1958. He married Phebe Robinson in the Logan Temple Jan. 26, 1960.

*Seven Children*

He has seven children: Samuel H. Welch, Farmington; James Newel Welch, Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Melvin C. (Naola) Dean, Bountiful; Jonathan C. Welch, Layton; Minnie Jane Welch Egan, Bountiful; Thomas N. Welch, Bountiful; and Dr. Garth L. Welch, Ogden. He has 47 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He lived in Harper Ward for 32 years before moving to Logan in 1960.

*Church Service*

He has been active in the LDS Church, serving as counselor in the Harper Ward Bishopric for 14 years, and has been an officiator at the Logan Temple for the past 14 years. He is active in the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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# New Editor Appointed By SUP

By George C. Lloyd
*National Executive Secretary*

The National Society officers regret very much the termination of the services of Les Goates as editor of *The Pioneer.*

We are fortunate in being able to call on Marvin E. Smith to assume the responsibilities that attend this important position. He has been a member of SUP for about twenty years. The appointment was made by President John A. Shaw at the March meeting of the Executive Board and was unanimously approved by all members present.

Colonel Smith is a past commanding officer of the Mormon Battalion and at the present time acts as Liaison officer for the military group and the SUP. In this position he has contributed many articles to the Pioneer magazine.

The officers of SUP appreciate his background and his capabilities and extend a welcome to Marvin in his new assignment.

More of his personal history will appear in the next issue of The Pioneer.

## *Readers Write*

Just a note which may be of interest to members of SUP:

An article appears in the Fall 1974 issue of *Utah Historical Quarterly* on Col. Philip St. George Cooke, who was commander of the Mormon Battalion and later of Camp Floyd in Utah, and his decision in 1861 to fight for the Union cause instead of the Confederacy.

*Oliver R. Smith*

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# Mrs. Wood Dies

Rhoda Matheson Wood, 85, of Cedar City, died at the Valley View Medical Center on Wednesday, January 1, 1975, of natural causes. Mrs. Wood was born December 13, 1889 in Parowan, Utah to Alexander Gordon and Mattie Rassmussen Matheson. She was educated in the Parowan and Cedar City schools and also attended the Branch Normal School. She married William Henry Wood in the Salt Lake Temple October 10, 1912.

Being an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she served as MIA president twice, and taught in that organization, Relief Society and Sunday School. She and Mr. Wood served in the Western States Mission from 1959 to 1963. While on their mission Mrs. Wood served as Relief Society President. For many years she served as a historian of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Iron Mission Camp, also serving as captain in the Camp several times. Mrs. Wood was active in music and wrote numerous histories of Iron County and Southern Utah.

Survivors include her husband, three sons, two daughters, nineteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Mrs. John B. "June" Danvers, Murray; Mrs. Henry Clay "Esther" Hankins, Monroe, N.C.; Henry Alex Wood, Chino Valley, Ariz.; Lehi M. Wood, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada. Also surviving are three sisters and four brothers: Mrs. Ella Foster, Rass Matheson, Mrs. Marcella Jackson, Mr. Alva Matheson, Mr. Elmer Matheson, Mrs. Lydia Harter all of Cedar City, and Mr. Ray Matheson of Henderson, Nevada.

Funeral services were held Saturday January 4, 1975. Interment was in the Cedar City Cemetery.

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# Congratulations President Carter

*Mrs. Carter – Honored President*

It is with considerable satisfaction that we salute Mrs. Kate B. Carter, president of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers since 1941, for being one of only two persons in the nation to receive the public service medallion from the National Association of Secretaries of State.

The presentation was made at the annual convention of the DUP April 5, by Utah's Clyde L. Miller.

*Re-Elected*

Elected to lead the organization for another two years, Pres. Carter will continue her valuable services by editing and writing more history of Utah. In addition to writing 500 pamphlets she serves the state and community as co-president of the Days of '47. She was largely responsible for establishing the Pioneer Memorial Museum and the Carriage House for the display of treasured pioneer relics. The DUP has also placed numerous monuments to commemorate significant history.

*Thank You*

It may not be well known that several months after the SUP had dedicated their bronze statue in San Diego that vandals broke the rifle from the shoulder of the figure. Members of the DUP discovered the damage, placed the broken part under protective care, and notified the proper authorities so that restitution could be made. May we say 'thank you' again for that thoughtful service.

***Life Member of both SUP and U.S. Mormon Battalion***

# Rodeo Champion Creates Bronze Sculptures
# Earl Bascom, the Cowboy of Cowboy Artists

The Old West comes to life at the hands of the cowboy sculptor Earl W. Bascom. A life member of both the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the U.S. Mormon Battalion, as well as a former Rodeo Champion, cowpuncher and bronc buster, Earl Bascom is one of the few western artists who knows the life of a real cowboy.

*Own Foundry*

Earl sculpts his pieces in clay or wax at his Victorville, California studio. Each piece records one of his personal experiences and is permanently cast in bronze in his own foundry, with the assistance of his son John. His bronzes are sold in art galleries in Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, California and Canada. One of his bronzes, a rodeo brahma bull and rider, was exhibited in the 1975 Mormon Festival of Arts at BYU.

*Pioneer Ancestry*

Earl Wesley Bascom was born on the 101 Ranch near Vernal, Utah, on June 19, 1906, the third son of John W. Bascom and Rachel Lybbert. His paternal ancestors came to America from England in the early 1600's. His grandparents and great-grandparents crossed the plains in covered wagons – his maternal grandmother walked 1,000 miles barefoot from Florence, Nebraska to Salt Lake. Earl's father was a deputy sheriff in Uinta County. His grandfather, Joel A. Bascom, was a member of the Utah Militia fighting in the Black Hawk and Walker Indian Wars, serving under Captain Abraham G. Connover; and in the Echo Canyon War against Johnston's army. He was also Chief of Police at Provo during the notorious Cradlebough Court era of the 1860's.

Earl was just six years old when his mother died. His father moved his family to Canada to start a new life on the open prairie of Alberta. They packed their belongings in a covered wagon, drove for six days to Price and took the train to Raymond, Alberta. In three days they were in a new land – a father, five young children, a roll of bedding, one silver dollar, and no job. They felt like pioneers.

Ray Knight hired Earl's father as foreman of the Butte Ranch. There on the ranch they boarded with 15 other ranch hands and the Chinese cook.

*World Champion*

Riding calves and breaking colts on the ranch soon turned to a profession in the arena. In 1918, Earl started rodeoing professionally at the Raymond Stampede, Canada's oldest rodeo. "I rode in rodeos from Canada to Mississippi," he recalls. "All contests were professional – no amateur rodeos – and you had to be good to win, and you had to win to keep going."

For 22 years he continued to rodeo, breaking a World Record and winning a World Championship title at Calgary. Recently, in recognition of Earl Bascom's achievements and contributions to the sport of rodeo, he has been awarded an honorary life membership in the Canadian Rodeo Cowboys' Association and life membership in the Rodeo Historical Society.

*An Artist at Heart*

When just a boy, Earl wanted to be a cowboy artist. The works of Baldy Buck and C. M. Russell had inspired him. But art instructions in the one-room school he attended were few and far between – and so was his attendance. Working from ranch to ranch, Earl never did graduate from high school. But in 1933 he decided to stop punching cows for a while and enter Brigham Young University for some art training under the tutelage of the famous sculptor, Torlief Knaphus, and Professors E. H. Eastman and B. F. Larsen.

*Rodeo Finances College*

"There I lived on art," he says of his BYU days. But actually he lived on art AND the money he earned rodeoing in the summers. When he was winning awards for the best oil painting of the year, he was also winning rodeos at Nephi, Salt Lake and Ogden for the best bronc riding. When school teachers were making

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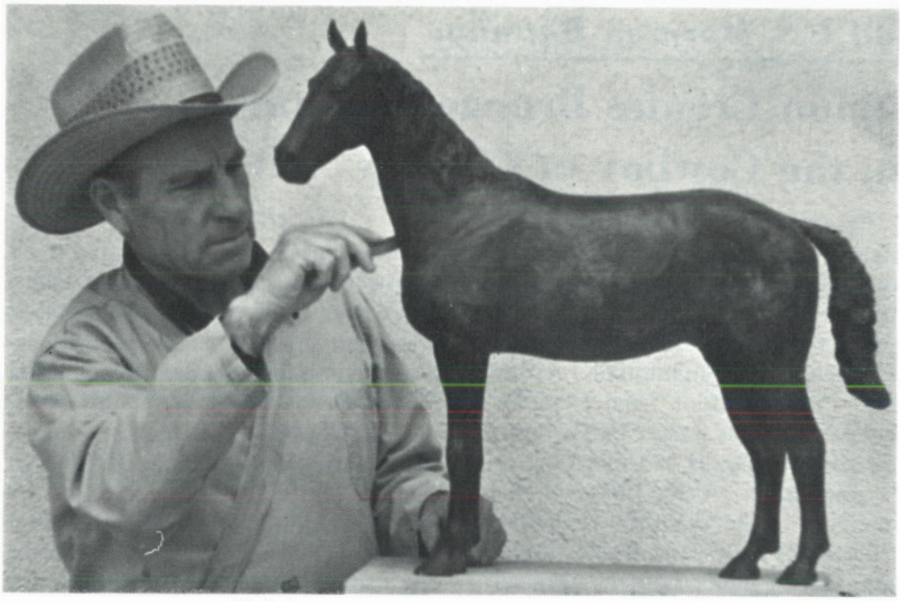
*Bronze sculpture of a rodeo brahma bull and rider called "Head Fighter" by Earl W. Bascom.*

*"Old Time Bronc Rider" by Earl Bascom, another intense action sculpture.*



*Earl Bascom sculpting one of his latest pieces.*

## Sculptor, Mission, Movies, Patriarch

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$500 for an entire year of work, Earl was making nearly $1,000 at rodeos during the summer recess. He is the only man in the world to have his entire college education financed by rodeo earnings. Earl graduated in 1940 and later did graduate work at BYU and the University of California.

*Mission & Movie Actor*

Rodeo not only paid his way through college, it also paid for his mission to the Southern States in 1936, serving under Mission President LeGrand Richards. It was there in the South that Earl met his wife, Nadine Diffey. They were married in 1939 in the Salt Lake Temple, and have five children. They moved to California where Earl worked as an actor in the Hollywood movie, "Lawless Rider" and in commercials with Roy Rogers. He also worked as a cattle rancher, plastering contractor, and high school art teacher, before devoting full time to his art work.

*Busy Church Worker*

In his Church positions, Earl has served as Stake Missionary five times, Ward Clerk seven times, as counselor to two Bishops, as Bishop, and Stake High Councilor. He is now Stake Patriarch of the Barstow California Stake and serves as High Priest group leader in the Victorville Ward.

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# *Life Membership Still Expanding*

For several years there has been on display in the Pioneer Village Administration Building a board containing the names of more than 150 men who are Life Members of S.U.P. As announced in the November-December issue of *The Pioneer,* another board has now been completed to continue this recognition. It has been placed on the opposite side of the rostrum in harmony with the original plaque. In addition to containing the names of regular members who are being added each month, it also lists the names of five Honorary Members. These are Presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commencing with President George Albert Smith and including those who have succeeded him to the present leader, President Spencer W. Kimball.

**ALDIN O. HAYWARD** of the South Davis Chapter is Life Member No. 165. What an interesting record of growth and development is attached to his life history. He was born in a log cabin in Circleville Canyon, Piute County, Utah. This cabin is now used as the Butch Cassidy Information Center.

After eighteen years on a ranch he moved to Bountiful, Utah, and worked in truck-gardening until he graduated from the University of Utah. He started the first self-service grocery store in Utah and Idaho and was operator of these stores for 33 years.

His activities in civic affairs embraced local and state Chambers of Commerce, Lions Club, Senior Citizens, Boy Scout Finance Chairman, American Cancer Society, and many other constructive responsibilities. He still made time to participate in his church activities and initiated the first Seminary Program in the South Davis area.

From the Utah State Parks and Recreation Commission Aldin received the following tribute – "Because of integrity, unselfish devotion to his service, friendly unselfishness, patience and loyalty have endeared him to us and given us inspiration to follow his example."

Loyal support has come from his wife Etta O. Johansen Hayward, five daughters and 21 grandchildren.

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# R. O. Loosle Honored On 80th Birthday

A family party honoring Patriarch Reuben O. Loosle was held at his home in Logan on Saturday, Feb. 22, 1975.

Those attending were the families of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. (Bonnie) Dalley, Rupert, Idaho; Katie Dixon, Salt Lake City; Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Winnifred) Christensen, Central, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Loosle, Logan; James Loosle, Ogden, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Loosle, Clarkston.

*Attended Logan College*

Mr. Loosle was born in Clarkston, Feb. 20, 1895, a son of John W. and Elizabeth Buttars Loosle. He attended school at Clarkston an the Utah Agricultural College in Logan.

When he was ten years of age his father went on an LDS mission to Germany and died there after completing three years of missionary work.

On Jan. 9, 1919, he married Sylvia Griffiths in the Logan LDS Temple. They lived in Clarkston where he owned and operated a farm. In 1924 he was made bishop of Clarkston Ward and served until 1933. While he was bishop there the Martin Harris monument was erected.

*R. O. Loosle*
*Temple Fork Chapter*

*Road Supervisor*

In 1933 he was appointed road supervisor of Cache County and served ten years in this capacity. The family moved to Logan in 1933.

He was a counselor in the High Priest presidency in Logan Stake. In 1936, he was made bishop of the Logan Fifth Ward.

He was superintendent of the Logan Ninth Ward Sunday School for ten years and on the Cache Stake High Council for ten years. In 1958 he was made Cache Stake patriarch, a position he still holds.

He served as Logan City Commissioner for four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Loosle are parents of 11 children, ten of whom are living. They have 47 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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## John Martin and Effie Farquharson Busnman

*Note- Just received word that Elfreda Bushman, 80, died in an Orem nursing home April 6, 1975, of causes incident to age. Funeral April 10 in Lehi.*

John Martin Bushman, the eighth child in a family of eleven children of Elias Albert and Margaret Zimmerman Bushman, was born in Lehi, March 7, 1891. He received his education in the Lehi schools and the B.Y.U. He graduated from Lehi High School in 1913.

He wrote the History of Athletics in the first yearbook of Lehi High School. He received his "letter" in basketball, baseball, and track. He was a member of the Lehi Baseball Club for a number of years. An active member of the L.D.S. Church, he served in the superintendency of the Sunday School for 14 years. He went through all the steps of the priesthood, and at the present time is a high priest in the Lehi Sixth Ward.

For eleven years he was chairman of the ward Genealogy Committee. For many years he was a pioneer dry farmer and stock raiser.

Effie Farquharson Bushman was born in Alpine, Utah, November 25, 1894, a daughter of Frank and Dorthea Beck Watkins Farquharson. She worked in the Booth Mercantile in Alpine before she was married. She was active in church work in Alpine, serving as MIA Secretary and as a Primary teacher.

*Church Activities*

After moving to Lehi she worked in most of the church organizations. She has a certificate for 25 years of continuous work in the Primary organization as a teacher and in the presidency. She has served many years in the Relief Society as class leader, counselor, and as president. She has been a visiting teacher for more than 35 years.

Both were members of the ward choir, and both have worked on the old folks committee. They have done a great amount of genealogical research and temple work. Mr. and Mrs. Bushman are active members of the Sons and Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and the Mormon Battalion. John marched with the Mormon Battalion in the Inaugural parade in Washington D.C. in January 1961. He is a past president of the local chapter.

*60th Anniversary*

They were married November 19, 1913 in the Salt Lake Temple and just recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. After their marriage they made their home in Lehi, Utah, and have reared their family and lived there ever since.

They have two sons and two daughters. These include Mrs. Leo (Ilah) Hadfield, Mrs. Ronald C. (Ludene) Peterson, and H. Keith Bushman of Lehi, and F. Wayne Bushman of Payson.

## *Life Membership*

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**RICHARD WALTER SMITH**, President of the Southern California Chapter became a Life Member on March 1, 1975. He has reason to be imbued with patriotism, having been born on July 4, 1928 at Santa Monica, California.

On finishing high school he joined his father in the wholesale plumbing and sprinkler business. He married Mildred Carlson in the Los Angeles Temple and this couple are proud of their three sons, Daniel, Willis and Richard. The youngest son, Richard, is studying business management at Brigham Young University and expects to leave about May 1st on a mission for his church. Daniel is in medical school and Willis is a plumber.

The earliest Utah ancestors of this family were Thomas Jefferson and Mary Peterson Gustin. They arrived on September 24, 1847. Thomas went on to the gold-fields and was killed in California on September 19, 1849. His widow and children were with the group that founded Nephi, Utah. The Smiths (Richard's grandparents) came to Utah in 1848.

**MATHIAS P. MONSON.** From the Temple Fork Chapter of Logan comes Life Member No. 167. In the early part of 1974 Brother Monson acted on his desire to have the Sons of Utah Pioneers represented in Southern Idaho. Through his efforts a total of seventeen new members were added just a year ago. These men are residents of Preston, Rexburg, Franklin and Sugar City.

The last word from this area is to the effect that a Chapter Charter will be applied for in the near future.

Our man has been an active worker in the Temple Fork Chapter for many years. He is an expert genealogist and receives much satisfaction in the pursuit of this avocation.

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# Chapter SUP Eternal

## JESSE J. PORTER

Jesse J. Porter, 1107 East South Temple, founder and chairman of the board of the Porter Walton Co., died in a Salt Lake hospital Sunday, April 13, of natural causes.

Mr. Porter, 94, was a leading member of both the seed and nursery associations in America. He was the founder of the Utah State Nurseryman's Assn., a charter member and past president of the Salt Lake Kiwanis Club and a charter member of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of the Alta Club and a former member of the Salt Lake Country Club. He was also a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served a mission to England.

Born July 27, 1880, in Centerville, he was the son of Nathan T. and Eliza Ford Porter. He was educated at the University of Deseret and the University of Utah. He received the Merit of Honor Award from the University of Utah Emeritus Club in 1971 and the Legion of Honor from the Kiwanis Club for 56 years of continuous service.

He married Irene Rampton September 4, 1907, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple; she died in 1948. He married Lorraine Rich in 1952.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Robert R., Salt Lake City, a stepdaughter, Helen Rich Pingree, Salt Lake City, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## H. GLEN CORDON

H. Glen Cordon, 77, of 1261 Marilyn Drive, died Thursday, March 6, at the McKay Hospital following a short illness. He was a member of the Ogden Pioneer Chapter.

Mr. Cordon was born March 9, 1897, in Willard, Utah, a son of Herbert H. and Sarah Estella Cole Cordon.

On September 17, 1919, he was married to Pearl Jackson in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

He had been traffic manager at Pillsbury Co., and had worked at Hill Air Force Base, retiring seven years ago.

He served with the Army in World War I and had lived in Brigham City and San Francisco before he came to Ogden in 1907.

*Weber Graduate*

He was educated in Ogden City schools and graduated from Weber Academy.

He was a member of the Highland LDS Ward and had served as secretary of the high priest quorum, home teacher, and was past Seventies group leader.

He was past president of the Utah Transportation Club, and member of Veterans of World War I, Barracks 1011.

Surviving are his widow of Ogden; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Athalene) Lynch, Bountiful; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Charles (Grace) Smith, Rexburg, Idaho; Mrs. Berna Jackson, Ogden; Mrs. Thera Cox, Salt Lake City.

## Myrland H. Balls

Myrland Heber Balls, 75, of 136 South Fourth East, Brigham City, died Tuesday, February 11, at 4:30 a.m. at Cooley hospital after an illness.

He was born May 12, 1899, at Hyde Park, Utah, son of Heber Balls and Tomena (Nany) Christine Nielsen. He was reared and educated in Cache Valley, attending the Brigham Young academy at Logan. He married May Nelson on October 5, 1922, in the Salt Lake LDS temple.

He was engaged as a contractor and builder in the Brigham City area and was in charge of maintenance at the Intermountain School until 1962 when he retired.

He was a member of the LDS church, serving as scoutmaster and as secretary of the elders quorum in the Third ward. Mr. Balls served as president of the high priest group and was active in the Aaronic priesthood program in the First ward and was a home teacher.

He also served on the building committees of the First ward and Brigham City, Utah Box Elder Stake. He and his wife filled a mission to England in 1964 where he served as branch president in the Chesterfield branch.

He was past president of the Brigham City Lions club and held many state and district offices and was zone chairman.

He was interested in the development of the community and was instrumental in building several boweries in Brigham City parks.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Melda) Parsons of Brigham City; one son, Delwin D. Balls, Midland, Michigan; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are five brothers: Otis Balls, Hyde Park, Utah; Ardell Balls, Fairview, Wyoming; Arden Balls and Laren Balls of Brigham City, and Berdean Balls of Ogden.

## RAY MURDOCK

Ray Murdock, member of the George A. Smith chapter in Provo, died Feb. 14, 1975 in a Salt Lake City hospital of complications following surgery. He was 64.

He was born on July 26, 1910 in Heber City, Utah, and lived most of his adult life in Provo where he was prominent in business and civic activities. He served as an officer in the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Provo Rotary Club, and was elected for two terms to the Provo City Commission, retiring from that position in 1973.

He served in various Church positions, and was Bishop of the Provo 13th Ward for five years. For the past two years he and his wife were workers in the Provo Temple. He was also active in musical circles as a vocalist and male quartet member.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 18 in the Provo 13th Ward chapel under direction of Bishop D. Creed Brimhall. Interment was in the Provo City Cemetery.

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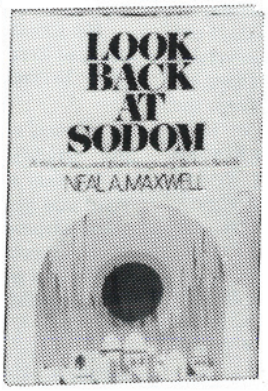


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